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SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN SPECIAL ENVOY'S VISIT TO PERU

1. ON MARCH 23, DR. KIM CHONG-PIL, FORMER SOUTH KOREAN PRIME MINISTER AND NOW A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BEGAN A FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PERU. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE MEDIA COVERAGE INDICATING THAT HE BROUGHT A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP FROM SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PARK TO PERUVIAN PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ AND WAS INTERESTED IN INCREASING TRADE, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN PERU AND SOUTH KOREA. WHILE IN LIMA, KIM MET WITH PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ, PRIME MINISTER ARBULU, FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE ARIAS GRAZIANI. HE LEFT LIMA MARCH 27 WITH WARM AND COMPLIMENTARY COMMENTS TO THE PRESS ABOUT PERU'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEADERSHIP, ITS CLIMATE OF PEACE AND NATIONAL PROSPERITY.

2. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH ROK EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY, SAID THE SPECIAL ENVOY'S VISIT WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. ALTHOUGH SOUTH KOREA SENDS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO PERU, MORALES BERMUDEZ' MEETING WITH KIM WAS THE FIRST SUCH RECEPTION BY A PERUVIAN PRESIDENT

SINCE THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT TOOK POWER IN 1968 MORALES BERMUDEZ LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY TO KIM'S EXPOSITION OF HIS COUNTRY'S POLICIES REGARDING THE PENINSULA AND NORTH KOREA, AND RESPONDED THAT PERU SUPPORTS DIALOGUE AND THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF DISPUTES. THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SIMILARLY ENCOURAGING TO THE SOUTH KOREANS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE ASSURED KIM THAT IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT PERU WOULD FOLLOW THE LINE IT HAD LAID DOWN AND DEFENDED AT LAST YEAR'S SRI LANKA CONFERENCE. AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED, AT THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS PERU WOULD SEEK TO AVOID AND WOULD NOT SUPPORT POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS AIMED AGAINST PERU'S FRIENDS. (NOTE: DE LA PUENTE'S FORMULATION INDICATES PERU WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL ON OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS PUERTO RICO AND ISRAEL/MIDDLE EAST).

4. AT GOP FONOFF INITIATIVE, KIM ALSO MET WITH COMMERCE MINISTER ARIAS GRAZIANI. KIM OFFERED TO ATTEMPT TO INCREASE SOUTH KOREA'S IMPORTS OF PERUVIAN COPPER, COTTON AND LEAD, AND TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH PERU INSTEAD OF THROUGH JAPANESE MIDDLE-MEN AS AT PRESENT. DEAN

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